

LEE COMMUNITY NEWS

Another cold spell just leaving. We hope we get thawed out before we freeze again.

Misses Gladys Moore and Wayne Bowdoin attended a play given at Zion Chapel school Friday of last week.

Mr. Clarence Johnson was the special-guest of Mr. C. L. Clarendon at the home of Mr. C. L. Clarendon and Mrs. Roy Watkins on Saturday night.

Miss Thelma Hall and Wayne Bowdoin visited Mrs. Lurline Boyer Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Odell Manning is on the sick list. We hope he will soon be well again.

Misses Ellen McCollough and Mary Alice Dyess called on Mrs. Fannie Bryan Sunday afternoon.

Miss Lurline Boyer was the Sunday night guest of Miss Thelma Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hall and family visited Mr. Clayton Golden and mother Sunday.

Mrs. Claude Boyer and Mrs. Maliege Bowers called on Mrs. Ida Golden Sunday afternoon.

Miss Ruth Nevels and Thelma Hall visited Miss Lurline Boyer Monday.

Miss Gladys Johnson visited Mrs. Maxwell Reeves Monday.

Mr. J. O. English returned to his home Tuesday after spending several days at the Enterprise hospital for treatment. His friends will be glad to know that he is rapidly improving.

Miss Myrtle Farris of Camilla, Ga., is spending several days in Elba, guided by Mr. and Mrs. Levy Morrow and family.

Charles Lewis Rowe and Marshall Ringsdorf are confined to their homes on account of an attack of measles.

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MOTHER PERMITTED TO SEE QUINCY FIRST TIME IN 11 DAYS

JASPER, Ala., Jan. 27.—Mrs. Clyde Short saw her quadriplegic son for the first time since she and the infant were taken to the Walker County Hospital almost two weeks ago.

Mrs. Short expressed delight with the progress being made by her four now-famous babies—three girls, Faith, Hope and Charity, and one boy, Franklin—who are now stretching, yawning and smiling energetically and letting their attendants know when they want something, according to Miss Emma Reams, superintendent at the hospital.

Dr. H. J. Sankey, who attended the mother when the babies were born in a humble dwelling near Nauvoo and who is chairman of the board appointed to look after their welfare, said Friday that arrangements enabling the public to see the quads will be completed within the next three or four days.

The quads already have been placed in individual metal incubators. The quads are allowed to see the babies are now being installed in the room where the quads are kept.

Among the contributions received for the mother and children is a necklace from Mrs. Carl W. Myers of Rochester, N. Y. Mrs. Myers said she acquired the necklace during her honeymoon in Switzerland in 1911. She also sent a \$10 check.

The hospital superintendent said Friday the babies were in fine condition and were gaining about two ounces daily.

ANN DUNAWAY IS HOSTESS TO SCHUMANN CLUB

Ann Dunaway delightfully entertained the Schumann Music Club at her home on Davis Street last Wednesday afternoon.

Club at her home on Davis Street last Wednesday afternoon. The following officers were elected for the second semester: President—Mimi Timmerman; Vice-President—Mary Owen; Secretary—Treasurer—Ann Dunaway.

Reporter—J. Doug Kendrick. Librarian—Frances Boutwell. Stories of Franz Peter Schubert, the Great Song writer, and Robert Schumann, the great composer, were told by Phil Cripser and club members entered notes in their music history note books.

Evelyn Whitman served as leader and announced the following enjoyable musical program: "The Boatful Frog (Stairs)"—Mrs. Owen; "The Boatful Frog (Stairs)"—Mrs. Owen; "The Boatful Frog (Stairs)"—Mrs. Owen.

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THE ELBA CLIPPER

Thursday, February 1, 1940

MRS. POLMAR PASSES

Mrs. Lucy Ann Polmar, age 90, died at her residence in Woodland Grove community on Wednesday, January 24th, following an illness of three weeks. She had been suffering from an attack of influenza. Many friends throughout the county who know and respected her were saddened at news of her passing.

Surviving are one son, T. L. Polmar. Funeral services were conducted by Minister J. C. Dixon of Elba, at Danacoma Church, Thursday morning at ten o'clock. Interment in Danacoma cemetery. Hayes Funeral Home had charge.

MISS CATHERINE BRUNSON, after spending several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Brunson, returned to Marion Tuesday to resume her studies at Judson College.

Fleetwood Carney was at home from the University during the past week-end, guest of his parents, Judge and Mrs. J. A. Carney. He had as his guest Theres Windham of Geneva.

Government employees of Cuba are asking the right to organize.

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PLEASANT RIDGE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Brooks spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Shiver. Miss Valner Lee Goodson spent Saturday night with Miss Manie Lou Knobel. Mr. Fitch Nolin spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Marion Kelley and children. Mr. and Mrs. Hillard Willis moved to Elba last week. We wish them much happiness in their new home. Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Littleton, Mrs. John Goodson and Miss Sweetie Goodson spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Shiver and family. Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Culhoun and daughter of Ozark were visitors in this community Sunday. Misses Valner Lee Goodson and Manie Lou Knobel spent Sunday afternoon with Misses Dixie Bell and Cubie Lee Harrison. Mr. Chover Harris spent the week-end with Mr. Leo Harrison.

DEATH OF LILLIAN PETTY

Lillian Louise Petty, 15 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Petty, died at the family residence here early Sunday morning following a short illness. She had been suffering from a stomach trouble. Surviving besides her parents are one sister, Mary Alice Petty, and one brother, Charles Edward Petty. Funeral services were conducted at the home by Elder J. C. Thames, pastor of the Elba Assembly of God Church, and interment followed at Evergreen Cemetery. Hayes Funeral Home was in charge.

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR LITTLE FOLK

Mrs. John B. Wise entertained a number of small children at her home last Saturday afternoon, February 3rd, honoring her little son, John Milton, who was celebrating his fifth birthday. A number of games suitable for the occasion were indulged in during the period of entertainment, after which delicious refreshments were served. Guests included Glen Gibson, Burt English, Jimmy Wise, Patsy Pinckard, A. V. Carnley, Glen Vaughan, Betty Joe Prescott, Martha Ann Vaughan, Jack Parker, Phil Ham, Wayne Ham, Betty Kate Rainey and Luther Ham.

DANISH SCHOOL OFFICIAL VISITS COFFEE COUNTY

ENTERPRISE, Ala., Feb. 3.—An interesting visitor to Coffee County last week was Miss Vanhahl, a native of Holland, who is connected with the Danish school system. Miss Vanhahl told of the schools in Denmark, the successful system of cooperatives and many other activities that have caused the world to cast an admiring eye toward that small country. She is interested especially in hand and machine weaving. She displayed pieces of rugs and tapestries done in the striking Danish style. She was in Coffee County visiting with the FSA project and accompanied by Miss Porter, national official of Washington.

ADA MARLEY CIRCLE MET MONDAY AFTERNOON

The Ada Marley Circle of the Methodist Missionary Society met at the church Monday afternoon for Bible study and a business session. Mrs. W. R. Crook, vice-president, presided in the absence of the president, Mrs. J. M. Rowe, and opened the meeting with the song, "What A Friend." Mrs. Kline Bentley led the prayer. During the period devoted to business, minutes were read and plans were made to observe the World Day of Prayer at the church on Friday, February 9 at three o'clock. A letter was read from the conference superintendent of Mission Study which stated that the Elba and Pensacola auxiliaries were the only two in the district which had studied three books during the year. Mrs. R. C. Bryan gave the bulletin news. Reports of the district missionary conference held in Brundidge January 30th were given by Mrs. R. L. Cooper, Mrs. C. H. Seibert and Mrs. W. R. Crook.

FORMER SLAVE DIES IN BANKS AT AGE OF 113

TROY, Jan. 31.—The oldest person in Pike County died Saturday at her home in Banks community near Troy, and was buried Sunday at Antioch colored cemetery. She was Josephine Lawrence, reputed to have been 113 years old. A native of Chambers County, the former slave had lived in Pike County for 85 years. Neighbors had often heard her profess she had grown children when the slaves were freed. Friend of white and colored alike, the old negro had lived near Banks with her son, Robert, and until a short while ago had enjoyed excellent health.

LETTER FROM MR. SPURLIN

February 4, 1940. Dear Editor and Readers: Do not think I have forgotten you. The weather has been so cold here that I have been unable to myself to keep from freezing. With Mrs. Alfred Hudson during the hard cold and he believed a good fire, so he was not sparing with fire wood. The wood they burned there during the spell was a sight. They ran three fire places part of the time. If he had had a good house I could not have been in a better place. A few nights I used six quilts for cover.

LETTER FROM MR. SPURLIN

I spent last week with Mr. J. P. McCall, four miles east of Elba, on the Elba and Enterprise highway. Am with Mr. Joe Donaldson and family this week. Do not know where I will go from here. The farmers are being set back with their work by the weather. They have had a hard time for a year or more. I was at the funeral of Corbin Sarah Farris today. She was 84 years old. I understood she had pneumonia and her oldest daughter, Mrs. Alvin Heims, has pneumonia, too. She was stricken about the same time her mother was. There has been lots of sickness and deaths this winter. Measles are still raging. They have one case here, their granddaughter, Mary Helen English.

LETTER FROM MR. SPURLIN

There are so many things I can't understand. I would like for some one to explain to me why the relief does not help all alike under similar circumstances. Occasionally I see some one in worse circumstances than some others who are getting relief that can't get one bit of help. LONNIE SPURLIN.

LETTER FROM MR. SPURLIN

Mrs. F. H. Murphree, Mrs. Wesley Harris, Mrs. D. J. Brooks, Mrs. Loyd Murphree and Miss Nettie Flournoy spent Friday in Montgomery. Mr. and Mrs. James Farris of Birmingham were called to Elba Sunday on account of the death of his mother, Mrs. Sarah E. Farris. Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Clark and daughters, Maggie Dean and Joan, and Miss Kayron Campbell were visitors to Montgomery Friday to see "Gone With the Wind."

LETTER FROM MR. SPURLIN

Mrs. Bruce Maddox and children, Jean and Frances, visited relatives in Troy Saturday night and Sunday. Mr. Sam Byrd of Cordelle, Ga., was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Dorsey. Mrs. A. D. Griffin and little daughter, Helen Ray, of Enterprise were guests for the day Friday of Judge and Mrs. J. A. Carnley.

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FOR JUDGE OF PROBATE

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF CANDIDACY

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for reelection to the office of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, subject to the action of the democratic party of my County and State. I shall be most grateful to all voters for their votes and influence, and in return I pledge faithful and efficient services as your Probate Judge. J. A. CARNLEY. (Paid political advertising by J. A. Carnley, Elba, Ala., Route 3.)

FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the office of Superintendent of Education of Coffee County in the primary elections of May 7 and June 4, 1940. Your vote and influence is solicited and will be greatly appreciated. D. B. NELSON. (Paid political adv. authorized by D. B. Nelson, Elba, Alabama.)

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FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the democratic nomination for the office of County Commissioner of the Northwest District of Coffee in the primary elections to be held May 7, 1940, and June 4, 1940. Your vote and influence will be greatly appreciated. FOUNTAIN LEE. (Paid political adv. authorized by Fountain Lee, Elba, Ala., Rt. 5.)

MISS SELLERS IS HOSTESS TO MISSIONARY GROUP

The Business Women's Circle of the Baptist W. M. U. held an interesting meeting for a program from "Loyal Service" at the home of Mrs. Jim Patrick on Simmons Street Monday evening, when Miss Elzie Sellers was hostess. The living room, where the meeting was held, was adorned with potted plants. Mrs. R. L. Martin presided in the absence of the president, Mrs. Alva Devane. Mrs. W. K. Farris gave the Scripture lesson and prayer. "The Commission to Carry On (Evangelization)" was led by Mrs. Mary Alice Mays with the following taking part: Mrs. Alva Devane, Miss Alpha Jerriegan, Miss Elzie Sellers and Mrs. R. L. Martin.

MRS. HUTCHISON HOSTESS TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Mrs. Bessie Hutchison was hostess at a delightful bridge party in her home Tuesday afternoon, when she honored the members of her bridge club. Potted plants and Valentine motifs made the decorations. The games were contested at three tables, where later the delightful afternoon refreshments, sandwiches, cake and cold drinks, were served. Mrs. Hutchison's guests for this enjoyable occasion were Mrs. H. Jeter, Mrs. Romine Harwell, Mrs. Roy Ellis, Mrs. P. H. Murphree, Mrs. W. C. McVoyre, Mrs. Thomas Ward, Mrs. Moss Hamm, Mrs. Boyd Murphree, Mrs. James Martin, Miss Nettie Flournoy, and Miss Zedie Rowe.

MRS. HUTCHISON HOSTESS TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Mr. J. M. McLendon, editor of The Laverne Journal, was a visitor to the Elba Clipper office for a short time Monday. Prof. J. H. Day, Jr., who has been ill at the home of his parents in Evergreen, has returned to Elba and resumed his school work.

MRS. TERRY KENDRICK IS HOSTESS TO ROOK CLUB

Mrs. T. D. Kendrick was hostess at a delightful rook party in her home on Collier Street last Wednesday afternoon, when entertained the members of the Past Time Rook Club. The living room, dining room and guest room were attractively arranged for the games, which were contested at four tables. A delicious salad plate with hot coffee was served to the following guests: Mrs. F. P. Clark, Mrs. J. O. English, Mrs. Wesley Han, Mrs. Sam Bean Young, Mrs. James English, Mrs. Dan Prescott, Mrs. John Wiley English, Mrs. Gordon Prescott, Mrs. W. L. Walsh, Mrs. Jim Whitman, Mrs. Drayden Smith, Mrs. William Bullard, Mrs. P. H. Crighter, Mrs. Morgan Windham, and Mrs. T. D. Kendrick the hostess.

NOTICE

There will be preaching at New Haven Church the second Sunday in February at 11 o'clock by Elder W. T. Cook of Indian. Everybody is cordially invited to attend. S. L. FAIRBIS.

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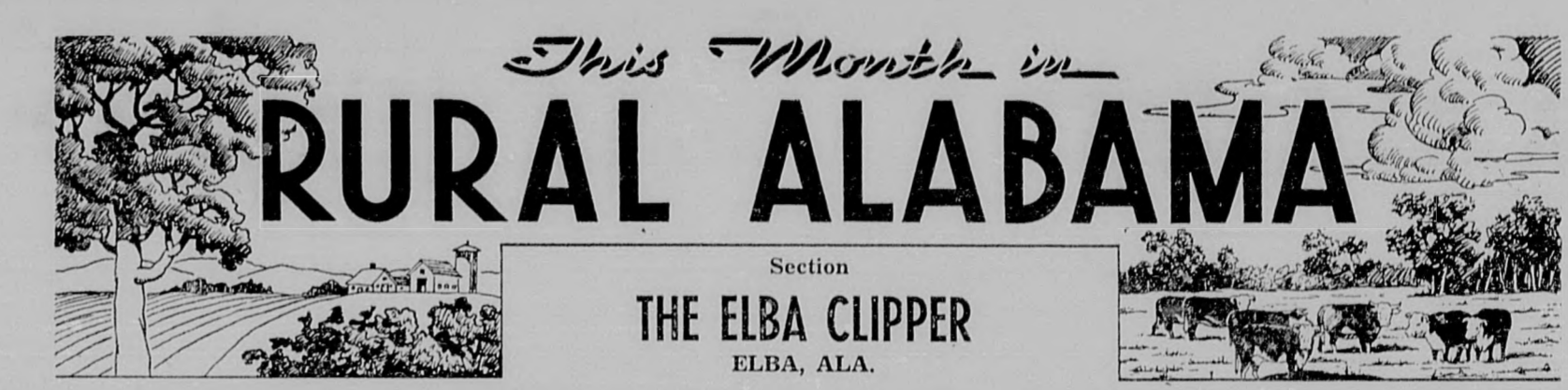
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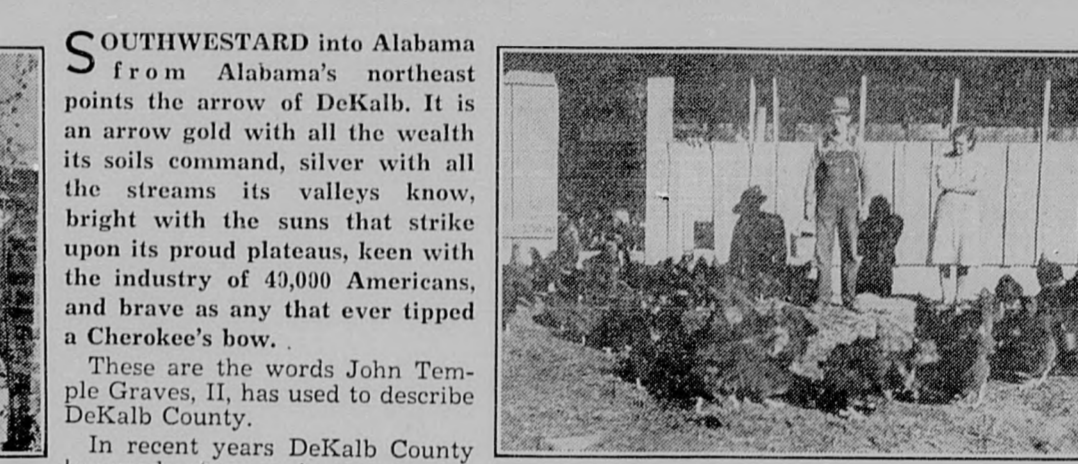
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DEKALB IS PROUD OF ITS MANY FARM FAMILIES



G. K. Perry, RFD, Boaz, takes pride in the surroundings of his home. Home beautification is one of the goals of families in DeKalb County.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Whitfield, Geraldine, are standing in front of their poultry house surrounded by a flock of New Hampshire Reds. More than 100 families in DeKalb have blood-tested flocks.

D. M. Sibert, Grove Oak, Rt. 1, is shown leading a young Jersey bull he is raising to improve the quality of his herd.

This unusual type of potato hill which is protected by corn stalks was made by Joe B. Miller, Dawson, RFD 2, shown getting a supply for the table. He says the potatoes will keep until late spring.

T. H. Lamunyon, Fyffe, Rt. 1, is standing beside six of his fine Ole pigs. There has been a big increase in the number of DeKalb farmers producing their own meat.

Standing in the yard of his home near Dawson is Joe B. Miller. The Miller home has recently been improved by planting shrubbery and a lawn.

Making Profits From Turkeys

By MRS. REID GRIFFIN
Bibb County Homemaker

IN 1927 I purchased three dozen eggs at \$6.00 per dozen, also, a turkey hen and gobbler and started to grow into the turkey business. Out of these eggs I succeeded in hatching only 20 turkeys, however, with this small start and above all cost of feeding, etc., I realized a profit of \$85.00. With this money I purchased the French doors that I had long wanted for my living room, dining room door, also, a kitchen sink and the necessary piping.

I keep a part of the turkeys for breeding. In the feeding of my turkeys, I always use starting mash, and do not give them water until five weeks old. I substitute clabber during this time for the water. I keep them in a small pen, and let them run out in the pen during the day. At two months, I put them on growing mash, and turn them on oats, usually two or three acres. Later on I have a crop of peas ready for them and for fall, I turn them on peanuts, as at the age of three months they are old enough to go on the range. At night they are fed corn with the mash. Mash is constantly before them in the feed hoppers.

My turkeys are housed in brooder house with cement floor, and glass windows. Only wooden

troughs are used, as I find other materials often harmful.

I was indeed fortunate in obtaining such a good market for my turkeys. I made the trip to Birmingham and contacted a market there, and upon finding that I had such a good grade of turkeys, the manager was very anxious to buy them. His demand has been greater than I have been in a position to supply, but I am steadily growing into this business of raising turkeys.

Of course, as in any other business there have been problems and difficulties to overcome. The wet years took a heavy toll of my turkeys, but the profits that I have continually realized have been most encouraging. In 1930 from the sale of turkeys, I purchased a second hand automobile for \$262.00. The following year, and in fact up until 1936, I just about broke even, and managed to stay in business, as I suffered heavy loss from a rainy season, and had a small baby, therefore did not give my turkeys the attention previously given them.

I had many difficulties in 1933, 1934 and 1935, but managed to stay in business.

In 1938 I sold \$115.00 worth of turkeys, and with this money I bought a radio and clothing for the family.

This year I will have around 40 turkeys to put on the market. The losses this year during the heavy rains were numerous.

I would like to have a thousand turkeys in my flock, and I am working toward building a sun parlor with a rock garden entrance.

KUDZU SEEDLINGS INCREASING STATE'S ACREAGE

ALTHOUGH Alabama farmers have been interested in kudzu for a number of years, few of them have planted it on a large scale. But two important developments are expected to bring about a big increase in kudzu acreage.

These developments are the production of crowns from seed and AAA payments for farmers who plant kudzu at the rate of \$6.00 per acre.

L. O. Brackeen recently made an interesting kudzu survey for "The Progressive Farmer" and makes some interesting points. Alabama's 17,500 acres of kudzu were planted from crowns which, in the past, cost from \$8.00 to \$10.00 per thousand, he reports.

Three years ago the Soil Conservation Service found that seedlings could be produced in nursery beds. This discovery caused farmers and farm workers to become interested in producing their own seedlings. Each year since 1937 farmers have been successful in obtaining seed and producing seedlings by following the recommendations of Alabama extension workers. They have been getting from 20 to 30 percent germination from the 33,000 seed in each pound of seed planted—or from 6,000 to 10,000 seedlings for each pound.

It is estimated that Elmore County will have more than 4,000,000 seedlings for use during the next three months. Seth P.

Storrs of this county is one of the largest producers in the country.

Other producers report their experiences to Mr. Brackeen as follows:

O. C. McGehee, farmer and banker of Conecuh County, tells of his success with kudzu seed:

"I planted 25 pounds of kudzu seed this year and have around 250,000 crowns. I planted some of the seed about the middle of April and some the middle of May. Seed planted in April did better than those planted later. While I do not think that every farmer can plant the seed and grow seedlings successfully, I do think that there are a few farmers who can grow them. I advise planting small patches to be watered in case of a dry spell."

W. C. Hood, Calhoun County, also gives his experience:

"A tenant on my farm in Etowah County planted kudzu seed this year for the first time. Approximately 10 pounds were planted in four-foot rows on a two-acre hillside which we expect to retire to kudzu. The hillside had been laying out for three or four years. We turned the land in early spring, used a section harrow and disc harrow in May. The rows were fertilized with approximately 250 pounds of acid phosphate per acre. The seed were planted with a small-size garden planter. Surplus plants will be pulled and sold leaving the remainder to take over the

OUR NATION NEEDS...

By HENRY A. WALLACE
Secretary of Agriculture

THE truth is that this Nation's need is for a master conservation plan—a plan to save our natural resources that is conceived with realism and prosecuted with patriotic fervor; and a plan to restore human resources as an expression of a country's concern over the people who live in it.

We must watch out lest conservation of our physical resources be pushed with full regard for the loss of dollars flowing off and down our streams, but no primary regard for wasted humanity. It is selfishness that has destroyed our natural resources, and to plead for conservation merely to stop the loss of dollars is to appeal to the same selfishness that wrought the destruction.

It is only when human beings become the primary objective that conservation becomes the highest national virtue. Conservation can never become our master plan except as a nation's restitution for a great wrong done—not to land, but to people.

Conservation can never become our master plan except as it challenges our best creative thinking. It must be the inspiration of club women and storekeepers, of farmers and statesmen. Society must move to mend and restore what society has maimed or wounded. Man can develop a harmonious relationship between himself and the world of hard physical fact. He can recognize the realities he is up against, and nevertheless rise superior to them. If we Americans cared even half as much for the mechanics by which soils are laid down and life is supported as for the mechanics of automotive transportation, we could soon utilize our continent safely, and transform it into the garden spot of the world.

Here is a message that needs to be carried with conviction to every corner of our vast country, to the dwellers in cities and in towns as well as to the dwellers on farms. Here is a subject that needs to be studied and discussed, in schools, in churches, and in public forums everywhere. Here is a task the challenge of which calls for the expression of the best and highest in us all.

This is our opportunity to shape our destiny, to make our country as lovely and productive as we found it, to make it a "chosen land" where, no matter what destruction may be wrought in other countries, our own civilization may be sheltered and secure.

We need a strong national defense against the potential foe without. We need to be supplied with plenty of armaments and ships and planes. But we need an equally strong national defense against the kind of waste which is continually attacking us from within.

Let us all enlist in this war against waste. For we can know beyond a shadow of a doubt that this is a war for humanity.

covered approximately one-fourth inch. Some sow the seed by hand. Approximately 15 pounds of scarified seed are planted per acre in 24-inch rows.

To prevent a crust over the seed after a rain they scarify the surface soil lightly with a hand rake or mulch lightly with straw or sawdust. Hand cultivation is used to control weeds and grass until the plants have made sufficient growth to cover the ground between the rows.

Most of the kudzu seed planted in the South are imported from Japan. However, a few seed are being produced and harvested on old vines supported by fences, trees, and steep banks. "We have been producing kudzu seed along the banks of the Alabama River every year for a number of years," says John Blake, Dallas county agent. "We also have vines 20 years of age near Minter and Summerfield from which we harvest seed. Farmers using the kudzu seed report that they received just as high percentage germination as from imported seed."

It is estimated that if all the low income groups were to use the same diet as is used by the higher income group, about 25 to 30 million more acres would probably be required to feed America.

Seeds are drilled when moisture is plentiful on the beds during the latter half of May or early in June, with a small garden seeder and

More Beauty In Home Goal Of Cullman Clubs

HOMEMAKERS in Cullman County have been making rapid strides in improving the conveniences, beauty and comfort of their homes. They have been busy redecorating bedrooms, rearranging kitchens, building furniture, making mattresses and adding to storage and closet space.

Here are some of the highlights of the reports which have been made to Mrs. Glenn Rounds, home demonstration agent:

Mrs. Elsie Mauldin, Trade: "A few members, it seems, are developing into real carpenters, having made such things as day beds, radio stands, flower boxes, wardrobes, fire-screens, a small turkey house, stove wood box and other things about the house. Our members have made 22 pieces of furniture."

Lorence McGlawn, Garden City Club: "In visiting our farm homes it has been pleasing to see how they have been improved at very little expense. Not only do we make new pieces of furniture but we remade the old by painting and covering, thanks to our demonstration club with its information and inspiration. Floors have been stained and varnished and a number of sinks have been installed."

Freddie Wells, Logan: "Our work has been practical and interesting, and there have been numerous accomplishments that will add comfort, convenience and beauty to our homes. . . . Two extra beds were made, two tables and two flower stands. There were also footstools, window seats and dressing tables. Twenty pieces of furniture have been refinished. . . . Five members have changed their walls from dark to bright. . . . New floor layed and covered with linoleum. . . . porch sets, lawn chairs, new mail box."

Mrs. Agnes Oden, Vincent: "Our club has made nine pieces of furniture and repaired others. . . . five buildings remodelled. . . . chairs re-seated. . . . improved lighting."

Mrs. Hasten Poore, Hanceville: "Twenty-two pieces of furniture made and more than that number refinished. . . . twelve clothes closets. . . . five kitchens rearranged and eight sinks installed."

Mrs. S. Y. Styles, Rt. 4, Cullman: "Club members have been building and refashioning furniture. . . . eleven buildings repaired. . . . three homes completely redecorated inside. . . . five members have varnished floors. . . . eleven new storage structures. . . . a fine new kitchen cabinet. . . . four homes have had sinks installed."

Ruffled curtains draped back with curved or crossed lines usually attract the eye at once; when several windows are so draped, the curtains may become too prominent and thus monotonous.



A few examples of the type of home-improvement work being done by Cullman County club members are shown above. Upper left, an orange crate dressing table in the home of Mrs. Troy Thompson. Upper right, one of more than 300 inner spring mattresses which have added to the comfort of the homes of Cullman County women. Center right, Mrs. Jesse Duke is shown in the kitchen of her home which has recently been rearranged, a home-made sink and new cabinets having been added. Lower left, a clothes closet with storage space in Mrs. Duke's home and lower right, a clothes chest in Mrs. A. C. E. Grafton's home.

Making A Start In Dairy Work

By JACK COOPER
Baker Club, Mobile County

THREE years ago at a 4-H Club meeting I decided that I wanted to be a member of this organization. After listening to the county club leader explain the various projects I decided I would enroll in the calf club. Also, my father is a dairyman, so naturally I was most interested in this phase of livestock.

I persuaded my father to sell me a registered Jersey calf from one of his choicest cows. I fed and cared for the calf according to the specifications of Auburn and under the supervision and direction of my club leader. When my calf was about a year old I took her to the fair where I won first prize. The second year I also won more prize

money at the county fair—a total of about \$30.00. With this money I was able to purchase another calf from my father, which I now own and which recently won me around \$40.00 at the State Fair in Birmingham, the county fair in Mobile, and community fair at my local club.

My cow, which is registered, of course, comes from one of the high producing herds of Alabama—one of the honor roll herds, and produces very rich milk and lots of it. My 4-H Club record shows that to date she has made me a clear profit of around \$40.00.

I hope that if any club boy in my community happens to become interested in Jersey calf club that he will get a good calf—one that comes from a sire and dam of high production. This, I believe, should be one of the first considerations of any club boy in selecting Jersey calves for a 4-H Club project.

We 4-H boys have an opportunity to be in the front ranks in making Alabama one of the leading livestock states in the country.

China's Agriculture

"The cultivated area of China is 50 to 60 percent that of the United States; yet China produces sufficient food to feed three and one-half times the population of the United States. Chinese farming is intensive because of the large population per unit of land cultivated. Fields are small, and much human labor is used on each acre of crop-land."

"In China 750 man-hours of labor are required to produce an acre of rice, compared with 25 in the United States. Chinese general farm practice compares with truck farming in the United States, since hand labor performs most of the planting, cultivating, and harvesting, while power (in China, horse or ox) is generally used for plowing and harrowing."—From a report on China by F. J. Rossett, office of Foreign Agricultural Relations.

Building A Clubhouse Can Be An Adventure

By "PAT" PATERSON
Home Agent, Baldwin County

WHEN the contract for construction of a Baldwin County clubhouse near Fairhope was let recently, it marked the culmination of nine years of work and planning.

Into this clubhouse, which will provide a place for outings of 4-H boys and girls and farm men and women, went the help of hundreds of people. Funds have been raised by individual clubs, donations, chances on an automobile, and recently a "climax" dinner which was served by home demonstration members.

When the contract was let Mrs. E. L. Wood, of Fairhope, who was county clubhouse fund chairman, was ready to announce that \$1,200 was available. The land had also been donated by friends in Fairhope.

The banquet which added the final push to the campaign was a real demonstration of cooperative effort. Meetings of club presidents in different districts of the county were first called and plans made for gathering the food, some of which was donated by commercial companies and some of which was contributed by members.

Late in the afternoon the day of the banquet food began to come in from the Gulf to Bay Minette, 39 baked hens, 39 pans of dressing, vegetables, cakes, rolls, ice cream.

The food was cooked by the 13 clubs in various sections of the county and served by the three Fairhope clubs. Food that had been cooked before being sent, was put in ovens and reheated.

Mrs. John Canaan, president of the county council of home demonstration clubs, remarked that the banquet and the clubhouse which was made possible by it "show what homemakers can do when they organize to work for themselves and to get the assistance of the men."

Many Mobile County business men attended the banquet, along with those from our own county. Those who attended paid \$5.00 for two tickets.

Representative George Grant made the principal address at the banquet which was presided over by E. E. Hale, county agent. James Faulkner, editor of The Baldwin Times, also spoke. Representatives of the Baldwin 4-H clubs, Homer Garner and Lorraine Nelson, were on hand to express the appreciation of their organizations.



Alabama farm families who have heard the "Farm and Family Forum" over the radio know the group pictured above. They are, left to right, Dorothy Lull, Harwood Hull and Elizabeth Allison. Hull, in addition to conducting a half-hour program over WAPI in Birmingham six days a week, prepares materials for farm broadcasts over 12 other stations in the State. Recently the extension radio staff has been "going to the farmer" to make transcriptions for use in these broadcasts.

oil built a shed on the side of the house for the sellers and it is hoped that eventually we will have an enclosed building so that marketing can be continued the year-round.

One of our regular sellers, Mrs. Catherine Vickers, said recently, "A friend of mine, who also sells on the market, and I were discussing our market sales for the past year. We figured it up and to our surprise found that the income from the curb is greater than from a two-horse farm."

Another seller, Mrs. L. L. Moore, recalls how she got her start on the curb market: "Last spring I bought 10 cents worth of turnip seed. From these I sold 250 bunches of turnips at 10 cents a bunch, making a total of \$25.00. This experience convinced me of the value of producing to sell on the curb market."

Mattress Campaign

"Every home in our community has at least one mattress made by home demonstration club women," says Mrs. A. L. McWilliams of the Red Rock Community.

The members of the club meet once a week and have combined social gatherings with hard work in aiding each other and in adding to the club treasury.

Once a week they meet in a home where an additional mattress is needed. Each member brings a dish for the meal that is served at the noon hour.

Another accomplishment which has grown out of the interest of the club in mattress-making is the sponsoring of a club for Negro women. The Negro women have also been taught how to make mattresses and a number have made them for their own homes.

The pictures of the Pickens County storage plant and the Marengo County Council are courtesy of J. A. Vines, Arcadian Grower.

Pike Curb Has New Quarters

THE Pike County curb market at Troy is ending a successful year with total sales of approximately \$3,200, reports Elizabeth Camp, home demonstration agent. The market is one of the oldest of its kind in the State, having been organized in 1927. It continued to be located on the lawn of the courthouse until last year when it moved into new quarters in the basement of the Pike County Activities Building.

The market now is located where there is ample parking space for shoppers, has new tables and an office for sacks, scales and other supplies.

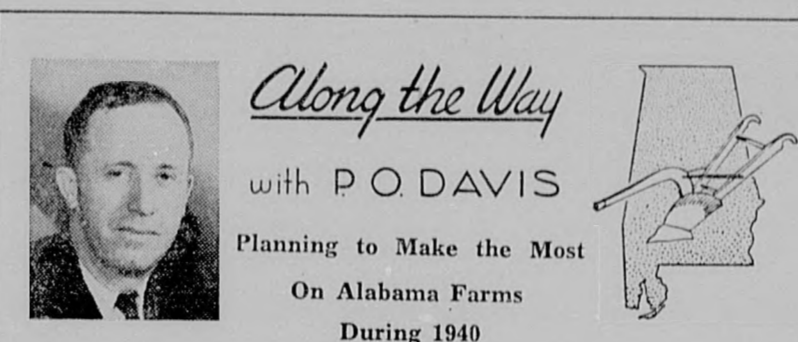
Due to the opportunity provided by the market, Pike County farm families are producing a greater variety of products both for themselves and for sale to others. It has helped raise the income for many families and has also given them an opportunity to have pleasant contacts with their neighbors.

Fire Loss Cut

Despite the unusually dry weather which prevailed throughout the fall of 1939, Washington County had less than two per cent of her forest land to "burn" last year, reports Ralph R. Jones, county agent.

"This is an unusually good record," County Agent Jones points out, "when one takes into consideration the fact that Washington County is the seventh largest county in Alabama and that approximately 95 per cent of the total area is forest."

Ten years ago more than 50 per cent of the total forest land burned annually, Jones also pointed out. "The people of Washington County are to be commended for this splendid record," the agent says.



Along the Way
with P. O. DAVIS

Planning to Make the Most
On Alabama Farms
During 1940

WE are told that there is a time to attend to every human need, or a time for all things. Certainly there is time for study and thought—for analyzing the past and planning for the future.

In studying and planning for agriculture we should keep before us the basic fact that farming is more a mode of life or a good place to live than it is a place to make money or to get rich. This means that in planning farming for 1940 the first objective should be to make the farm supply the needs of the people, the livestock, and the soil so far as feasible. If this is done adequately the income in cash will go further in supplying other needs. The cash income should be, of course, as big as each farmer can make it safely with cotton, peanuts, trees, truck crops, livestock, and poultry.

The above is a restatement of the essence of good farming in Alabama. It is not new but its importance is not fully appreciated as revealed by the fact that so many farmers are not guided by it. Hence its restatement.

But my observations reveal that Alabama farmers are headed in that direction. Already they have made considerable progress. They will accomplish more in 1940. With their county agents they are talking about it and planning for it.

Throughout Alabama we observe more and better pastures; and many more will be started this spring—in February and March. These bespeak more livestock and poultry; and also an increase in net profits from them.

Another important step here is the shift in hay crops from the annuals, such as soybeans and cowpeas, to the perennials, such as kudzu and the lespedezas which are much safer, much better, and less expensive to produce. And it is now about time to plant kudzu and lespedeza.

For emphasis I am saying here that our acreage to these crops should be more than doubled this year. In fact, several times the present acreage would not be too much. We need to take a substantial part of the land that has been planted to corn and use it for kudzu and lespedeza which would return much bigger net profits in addition to enriching the land.

Wherever I visited Alabama farmers in 1939 I heard praise for lespedeza for hay, grazing, and soil improvement. Where all evidence and witnesses agree it must be correct. The fact that the average production of corn in Alabama last year was less than ten bushels per acre is proof that on most Alabama farms corn is not a profitable crop and that other crops should replace much of it. For this replacement I nominate kudzu and the lespedezas, including lespedeza sericea.

Next fall oats will be recommended again because they have advantages over corn on many farms. They are easier to produce and they are an excellent feed.

For hogs and for soil fertility the acreage to peanuts should be increased. Our Experiment Station has found that peanuts grow well on practically all important soils in Alabama; and that the peanut is very efficient in the production of pork. Furthermore, it has been found that where it is grazed by hogs it enriches the land about as much as a crop of winter legumes plowed into the soil, which tells us to plant more peanuts for hogs and for soil building. But keep in mind the fact that peanuts harvested are hard on land. In fact they soon deplete its fertility.

Better care of trees is another important need, and with which much is being accomplished. Especially is this true of fire prevention. A few years ago it was not unusual for much of the timber land in Alabama to be burned annually; now many of the counties have reduced their burning to a very small part of the whole. This has been done by farm people who have become aroused over the big damage done by forest fires. They have made fire prevention a cooperative job, and wherever people cooperate constructive work is done and wealth is created.

Unless the signs are misleading we shall see in 1940 a banner year for home gardens which will be part of the better farming program which I summarized at the outset of this discussion. W. A. Ruffin, extension gardener at Auburn, reminds us that during February and March the following vegetables should be planted in Alabama gardens: asparagus, beets, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, egg plant, lettuce, mustard, onions, parsnips, English peas, pepper, Irish potatoes, radish, spinach, tomatoes, turnips.

To have a good vegetable garden land should be rich, seed should be planted in season which means frequently, weeds and grass killed when



The Marengo County Council of workers composed of representatives of agricultural and welfare agencies is pictured above at one of its regular monthly meetings where plans for coordinating their work are discussed. F. M. Jones, who is pictured at the front end of the table, is chairman of the group.

Young Farmer Makes Success In Short Time

CONSIDERED one of the most successful farmers in his community is J. H. Waker of Route 1, Ralph, Alabama, Tuscaloosa County. After having worked at a saw mill for several years, he decided that he could make a better living farming. He bought a small farm, and the first thing he did was to terrace it and then build it up by planting hairy vetch and Austrian peas and rotating his crops regularly. This was a poor run down farm when Mr. Walker took it over and did not produce over 10 or 12 bushels of corn per acre. Now he averages 45 to 50 bushels per acre each year.

Mr. Walker has several cash crops. At the present time he is milking eight cows and selling the milk to the Nestles Milk Company of Tuscaloosa, Alabama. From his dairying he realizes about \$650.00 each year from the sale of milk. He also raises several milk cows to sell to local dairymen. He produces about 15 to 20 bales of cotton each year in addition to raising all the food and feed needed for the farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker are partners in the business and have two girls and a boy whom they are educating. The total income from the farm is between \$2,000 and \$3,000 each year. Mr. Walker takes an active part in the community activities and is the leader of the community farm bureau. He is also a director in the Black Warrior Rural Electrification Association, and in the past year has been very active in securing electricity for practically all the farms in his community.

Alabama has more than 100,000 boys and girls enrolled in 4-H club work, the largest number of any state in the union.

little, and insects killed by poison. A good garden is among the very best ways to use a little land.

In a bigger way we expect to see more cooperation among farmers. The cooperative spirit is growing, the value of cooperation is better understood, and constructive power of organization is more fully appreciated. Through organization is the only way that farmers can deal successfully with many problems of mutual concern. Without organization under sound leadership they have no collective power.

Ultimately, of course, better farming is revealed in better homes with more and better equipment in them. As this is attained better farming is reflected through more and better business.

I conclude by saying again that we must improve our use of labor, land, capital, and equipment. By so doing we shall go forward on all fronts in Alabama.

Prof. Ware Discusses Value Of Forest Lands

By L. M. WARE
Forestry Department, A. P. I.
According to the data gathered by the Alabama Industrial Development Board, the value of the net exports of forest products from Alabama in 1937 was 44 million dollars. The value of the State's total net exports of commodities including those of agriculture, livestock, mines, manufacture, and forests was 37 million dollars for the same year.

In 1937, one person out of every eleven persons in Alabama was supported directly by timber industries.

In 1929, the timber industries of Alabama paid 25 million dollars in labor and salaries to Alabama people. The products were valued the same year at 79 million dollars. By way of comparison a one-million bale crop of cotton valued at 10 cents per pound would be worth 50 million dollars.

In 1928, the value of the net exports of forest products was 81.7 million dollars compared to the value of the net exports of all Alabama products of 30.4 million dollars. Forest products have, therefore, played a very large part in giving Alabama a favorable trade balance in its trading with other states.

Based on the lumber cut for the past 40 years and the corresponding value of lumber at the mill, the forests of Alabama have supplied materials valued at approximately 14 billion dollars. If this were equally divided among the people of Alabama, men, women and children, white and black, city and rural, it would give each person approximately \$500 apiece.

A standing tree may have a value of four dollars per thousand feet. By the time this raw material has passed the sawmill its value has multiplied five to six times. It is now worth \$20 per thousand or more. To give this added value, to the original raw material, has required labor and materials. Labor has been required to fell the tree, cut it into logs, skid, load, haul and unload the logs, saw, stack, and dry the lumber. Materials have been required from the simplest tools, the axe and saw, through a long list of skidding equipment, mules, tractors, trucks, sawmill equipment and the more specialized equipment for more highly processed products as paper, crates, boxes, implement handles, etc.

The people employed to supply this labor must have food and clothing and other necessities of life. Here the merchant, clerk, bookkeeper, auto dealer, service station attendant, doctors, dentists and an endless list of people are brought into the picture. The purchase of equipment and the operation of sawmills and other processing plants require money and credit. The investor and the banker are thus brought into the picture.

One can, therefore, safely conclude that there is not a person in the State, even though he does not own one acre of timbered land,

who has not been directly or indirectly benefitted by the fact that our forests have provided so generously a valuable raw material.

If these forest acres in the past have made such a vast contribution to Alabama's wealth, then we naturally come to ask if they may not make further contribution in the future. In fact we might ask what is our responsibility to the forests of Alabama not as a matter of sentiment, nor as a reward for benefits rendered in the past, but purely as a selfish interest in the future. These responsibilities are few but tremendously important. Suppose we list them:

First, and most important, is to protect our forests from fires.

Second, to establish young trees on these acres of abandoned crop land or on areas where nature cannot do the job because of complete removal of seed trees by past timber operations.

Third, to determine experimentally the cost and method of converting millions of acres of inferior hardwoods, which have come in since the softwoods have been cut, back to more valuable softwoods. This must necessarily be followed by the actual conversion of these acres back to more valuable species of trees.

Fourth, to develop new uses for the more valuable hardwoods and a better knowledge of methods of handling.

Finally, to develop a more intelligent program of cutting utilization.

ABOUT COUNTY PLANNING

Writing on "The Future of the American Farmer" in a recent issue of The New Republic, Secretary of Agriculture Wallace has this to say about county planning:

"In the Department of Agriculture we have begun a bold experiment in democracy. We are trying to put into practice the idea that in a democracy the economic decisions ought to be made by the people. We are slowly building a mechanism, county by county, in collaboration with the land-grant colleges and the Extension Service, by means of which farmers themselves will determine the elements of their total agricultural program, will decide how these elements may be welded together in one effective program, and, finally, will administer that program. We call this county planning. Actually, the farmers in any given county immediately see that they must interest themselves in forces and problems which go far beyond the county line. I am optimistic enough to believe that the farmer members of these county-planning committees will wrestle with the complex problems of agriculture as ably as do the most intelligent leaders of industrial and labor groups. Our job in the Department and in the college is to put the facts before them and to abide by their decisions."



Pickens County farmers are taking advantage of the curing facilities of the cold storage plant above. Mr. Nettles, who handles butchering and curing is shown at work in the plant.

Pickens Farmers Cure Meat At Storage Plant

By DONALD L. ROBERTSON

THREE years ago a project was started at Carrollton, in Pickens County, Alabama, that is beginning to bring the farmers of this section a large amount of additional cash income. This project, a meat curing and cold storage plant, is a non-profit business operated by the Pickens County Exchange, under the management of J. H. McKinstry.

The idea for the plant was conceived by F. A. Rew who was at that time county agent who got the county commissioners and the Probate Judge to appropriate \$2,500 to match federal funds to finance construction.

This plant is mainly for the purpose of curing, smoking and storing meats for the farmer's own use but at the same time the management will act as broker for the farmers on a 10 per cent basis and sell their surplus meat in the local county retail markets. By disposing of their surplus meat in this fashion the farmers receive approximately double the return they would have received if they had sold the animal on foot.

The farmers kill and dress their own meat and deliver it to the plant. Here the meat is butchered. If the meat is pork, the hams, shoulders and middlings go to the curing rooms where after going through the curing process they are smoked and placed in bins awaiting disposition by their owners. About half of this type of meat goes back to the farms for home consumption; the other half is sold for the farmer's account.

"The farmers of this section are just beginning to take advantage of this modern plant and its patronage is steadily increasing as the farmers turn their surplus cotton acreage to raising feed for consumption by livestock and hogs," says County Agent Ed Lowery. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1939, almost 400 farmers used facilities of this plant. They had

59,983 pounds of pork cured and smoked and 7,574 pounds of beef butchered.

"In addition to the 10 percent the farmer is charged for selling his meat, he pays 2.5 cents per pound for having his pork cured and smoked. If he cares to store his meat for any length of time, he rents an individual bin for a small fee. The net profits of this business at the end of the past year were \$72.05 which goes to prove how near a non-profit making business it is."

Raise Your Own Feed To Profit With Small Herd

PROFITS from a small dairy herd depend upon producing as much feed on the farm as possible, says R. M. Foshee of Clanton, Rt. 4. Mr. Foshee now has 33 Guernsey cows and one of the best bulls in the South, according to J. W. Fant, county agent. The herd has been on test with a dairy improvement association and made the honor roll by producing an average of 300 pounds of butterfat and 6000 pounds of milk per cow.

On his four-horse farm, Mr. Foshee grows some cotton and most of the feed for his herd. He grows winter legumes and follows recommended soil building practices.

In 1935 he planted kudzu for temporary pasture and hay production. This kudzu is producing excellent grazing and in 1939 a two-ton per acre crop of hay was cut from the area. A trench silo provides storage for sorghum silage, another important part of Mr. Foshee's dairy ration.

Swamp land on the farm which was not suited to cultivated crops has been developed for pasture and planted to legumes.

Son Follows In Footsteps Of Dad; Wins Beef Prize

WHEN 16-year-old Thomas Robinson of Boligee, Greene County, won the grand champion honors in the junior division at the Demopolis Fat Stock Show he added a new chapter to an interesting story of extension work.

Back in 1914, the first year of extension work under the present system, Thomas' father, Lawson D. Robinson enrolled in club demonstration work in Choctaw County. A. G. Harrell, one of the first county agents to be appointed and a veteran of 25 years service in his native county of Choctaw, rode 15 miles to give the then young Robinson help with his beef calf project.

The elder Robinson, in recalling those early days, points with pride to the fact that three of his five sons have been very active in 4-H club work.

At the Demopolis show, the three Robinson boys entered four calves with Thomas winning grand champion honors in the Junior Division and reserve champion of the entire show with his

beef calf. The animal sold for 20.5 cents per pound, and young Robinson said he cleared \$100 on his calf, and in addition has a pure bred heifer calf which was awarded him as a prize at the Demopolis show.

"I think I got as much pleasure out of this as Tom did since I have been interested in this work for a long time and while I never won any big prizes, I am glad to see the boys interested in this work," commented the elder Robinson.

The Demopolis show was the most successful ever held there and marked a new high in enthusiasm for livestock in that section of Alabama's Black Belt. All of the surrounding counties sent entries to the show, the second held in the last six months at Demopolis which is also the center of a growing dairying industry.

Mr. Harrell, whose work started the Robinson family off in beef-cattle raising, was recently awarded a certificate of merit by the national organization of Epsilon Sigma Phi, honorary extension fraternity. He was one of 12 in the United States to receive this honor.

A regular income from milk is Jim Scott.

"The market for milk in Alabama is almost unlimited," says Mr. Story, and he urges all farmers who are living on milk routes to add a few cows. He believes it would be wise for landlords, merchants and bankers to encourage the increasing development of small dairy herds. "The result," he says, "would be increased prosperity for the farmers as well as for all who depend upon farm trade in their business."

Non-Setting Hens

Since the incubator has largely replaced the setting hen, poultrymen want hens that lay regularly without periodic spells of broodiness. Scientists of the Federal Bureau of Animal Industry set out to study the physiology of broodiness and find out why some hens are less broody and thereby more valuable as layers.

The scientists found that within the pituitary gland, a tiny mechanism at the base of the brain, is the possible answer to the broodiness question. They found that the pituitary glands of genetically broody hens—those that inherit their tendency to be broody—contains more of a chemical substance known as prolactin than do the pituitaries of hens that have been bred away from broodiness.

The Federal scientists believe that the relatively large amount of prolactin causes the broodiness. Now they are studying ways to breed hens with the non-broody characteristic.

It requires about 2.4 acres per person to supply us with all domestically produced and consumed agricultural products.

Another Panola tenant who has



When Lawson D. Robinson, who is shown above with his sons at the Demopolis Fat Stock Show, was a 4-H member 25 years ago he was interested in beef calves. At extreme right, Thomas, one of three sons shown with Mr. Robinson, won grand champion honors in the junior division and reserve champion of the entire show. Thomas' brothers also have taken prizes with their calves.

Kudzu Facts

From experience in recent years farmers have found:

That they can successfully produce kudzu from seed at a very small cost.

That after kudzu is once established they do not have to seed it every year as is the case with most other hay crops.

That kudzu is excellent for hay production, for temporary pasture and for controlling soil erosion.

That kudzu hay and feed encourages the production of more livestock and livestock products.

That setting an acre of kudzu qualified for \$6 in benefit payments under the AAA program.

Your R. F. D. Address

C. D. Allis, rural mail carrier of Pinson, reminds farm families who are moving at this season of the year to notify their R. F. D. carriers of their new addresses. Mr. Allis says that he likes to get the names of every member of the family when they move to a new location on his route because mail is sometimes addressed to "everybody" from the baby to the grandparents.

He says that recently he noticed the flag up on a new box along his route. He stopped and found this note inside: "If there is any mail for us, please leave it in this box." Since there was no name on the box and none on the note, it was a difficult matter for him to understand who "us" might mean.

The rural letter carriers of Alabama are the farmer's friend and anything that can be done to help them in providing efficient service will also help the farmer.

Increase Amount Of Terrace Work

Farmers in all parts of the State have been working on their terraces in recent weeks, being active in running new terraces as well as improving those already built.

Terracing demonstration schools have been held in practically every county, and farmers are learning how to terrace with light equipment—slip scrapes and mule power—as well as power machinery.

The progress made in Alabama in recent years in terracing is one of the most impressive agricultural records in the history of the State. However, figures released at the end of the year showed that only about one-third of the State's tillable soil has been properly terraced.

As the results of terracing continue to prove the value of this type of conservation the amount of properly drained land is expected to increase even more rapidly than in the past.

Staff Of Life

"Bread is the staff of life"—for everybody. But for Mrs. M. E. Bates, Rt. 3, Roanoke, bread has meant much more than it means to the average person.

In the last year-and-a-half, Mrs. Bates has sold about \$350.00 worth of home-made bread. "This money has made it possible for me to give three children the things they need in school and to have spending money for small pleasures which I could not have afforded otherwise," she says.

The easiest way to keep silver clean is to use it. Silver will tarnish if it comes in contact with the sulphur in eggs, rubber, many kinds of cloth, especially white, and in most papers.

